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Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached as an Appendix are nine (9) replacement drawing sheets containing Figures 1-9 to replace the informal drawings in Figures 1-9 filed with the specification on 12/30/2003. The formal drawings merely illustrate matter present in the informal drawings. No changes to the drawings have been made. Entry of the formal drawings is requested.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 and 22-28 are pending in this application.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to provide that the chemical additive is topically applied in the form of extruded filaments, which can be applied to either or both surfaces of the web.

Independent claim 2 stands withdrawn, but has been amended consistent with independent claim 1.

Dependent claims 10, 17 and 23 have been amended consistent with the amendments to the independent claims.

New claims 24-28 have been added. Claim 24 has been added to recapture the viscosity range deleted from independent claim 1. Claim 25 is directed to embodiments where only one side of the web is treated with the extruded filaments. Claims 26-28 are directed at specific types of filaments.

Support for these amendments can be found in the specification generally, including from page 13, line 11, through page 16, line 25.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-17 and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by USPN 6,887,348 issued to Hermans et al. While Hermans et al. teaches the application of polysiloxane to a web, such as by spraying or by printing while the web is still wet after formation, Hermans et al. does not disclose the topical addition of a plurality of extruded chemical additive filaments as now claimed. Therefore Hermans et al. does not anticipate the subject matter of the claims as amended.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims, including the withdrawn claims, are in form for allowance. Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. The undersigned may be reached at (920)721-3616.

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Appendix

Formal Drawings

Nine (9) Replacement Sheets